

# PRINCIPAL NEWS

This point in Term 4 is one of the key stages in preparation for the start of the following year through the **selection of teaching staff**. Currently a number of selection panels are operating, interviewing prospective teachers for the positions we have available for 2009 and recommending those selected for appointment. We hope to be able to announce the new appointees shortly.

Last Friday a number of teaching and support staff underwent **Ambulance First Aid Training** in the management of **Anaphylaxis**. This is a severe allergic reaction which is potentially life threatening and is treated initially by the administration of an **EpiPen**. Given the severe nature of the reaction, which may include difficulty in breathing and collapse, it is important that key people are trained in the use of the EpiPen to manage potential reactions.

Last week I met with the principals of the **State Girls' Schools Association** to evaluate this year's Year 10 Leadership Conference which was held at Gilmore Girls' College and to plan for next year's conference which will be held here at Mac.Rob on Monday 17 August. There is strong support from the students for this activity in which two students from each of the seven state girls' schools meet monthly from March each year to plan the activities and select speakers for the conference which is attended by twelve girls from each school. We look forward to hosting the Leadership Conference in 2009.

Jane Garvey

## 2008 SPEECH NIGHT

This year **Speech Night** is on **Tuesday 25 November** at **7.30 pm** in the **Town Hall**. Students have already received information about how to order their 2 complimentary tickets and any additional ones they require.

**Rehearsals** for the Speech Night singing are now well underway and the school is running a slightly adjusted timetable to allow additional rehearsals on most days.

Students are required wear their school blazer, winter skirt, white shirt, school tie, black tights or black knee-high socks and black school shoes to Speech Night. They should ensure that their uniform meets the high standard of dress required for this most important school occasion. They now have lots of notice to check if any cleaning or repairs of their uniform are necessary.

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## Careers—Monash University Discovery Day

Four Year 10 students attended the **Monash Arts, Business and Design day** on Thursday October 30 at Monash Caulfield Campus. They listened to presentations from academics from these three faculties about courses offered and also from current students who were studying Architecture, Fine Arts, Sculpture, Product Design, Arts (Dean's Scholars program) and Arts/ Law. They visited some of the many studio areas and sat in on a lecture on television studies. After lunch they had a general talk about tertiary options and university life. Our thanks to Monash for providing this very useful day.

Further excursions for Year 10s this term will be to **ACU** for those interested in Exercise Science and a Behind the Camera day which looks at career opportunities in film, television, multimedia and advertising.

### Work Experience for Year 10s in 2009- Apply Now

Current Year 9 students will have the chance to undertake work experience placements toward the end of next year. The dates for this will be the weeks November 30 to December 4 and December 7 to December 11. Students can choose to undertake one placement for ten days or two different placements for five days. Many employers, particularly those who receive many applications from students, will begin booking for next year now. I have already submitted student applications for the Police Force and the Zoo, for example. Students are therefore encouraged to spend time this term thinking about a suitable placement and contacting relevant employers. If applications are left to next year they may well miss out on the employer they are interested in working with. Year 9 students are welcome to visit the Careers Room at recess or lunchtime to seek assistance with letter or resume writing.

### Vocational Guidance Program 2009 – The Morrisby Report

During the next few weeks I will be visiting Year 9 classes to talk with them about the **Morrisby Report** which will be offered to all students when they are in Year 10. This involves

1. A questionnaire which asks students about their preferences in terms of the work activities they would enjoy and environment in which they would like to work.



2. A test during school time (to be held in February, the exact date to be advised) which involves a series of 12 timed paper and pencil assessments. These are designed to build a picture of the student's individual strengths, abilities and personal style. The ability assessments do not measure acquired knowledge but rather their underlying potential to use reasoning ability in different ways (abstract, spatial, verbal, perceptual etc). Sample questions are available on the Career Analysts website [www.careeranalysts.com.au](http://www.careeranalysts.com.au) and a copy of these will be provided to each student.

3. Following the testing program, a personal report describing the student's results will be compiled and distributed at a parents evening. The evening provides the opportunity to learn more about the principles behind the Morrisby Report and how the information should be interpreted. The report is 20 pages in length and includes a dozen career suggestions for further exploration and discussion.

4. The report will then be used as part of ongoing careers discussions during the remainder of the student's time at the school.

There will be no additional cost for the Morrisby Report.

### Ms Irene Serpless Careers Advisor

#### PARENT HELP NEEDED WITH SECOND HAND BOOK & UNIFORM SALE

Saturday 6 December is the Mac.Rob second hand book and uniform sale.

This event is our major fundraiser for the year, so we need your help to make it successful!

Parents@macrob would appreciate your assistance for the following days,



#### Book Collection Days:

Tuesday 18 November 11 am—2 pm

Friday 21 November 11 am—2 pm

Monday 24 November 9 am—3.30 pm

Friday 5 December 9 am—12 pm ( Setup Only)

#### Book and Uniform Sale Day:

Saturday 6 December 9 am—1 pm

Please contact Marian on **0409 800 358** or send an email to [parents@macrob.vic.edu.au](mailto:parents@macrob.vic.edu.au) if you are able to help.

**Mr Jeremy Hunt**  
President — [parents@macrob](mailto:parents@macrob)



The 2008 Parents' Association Book and Uniform Sale is on Saturday 6 December this year between 9 and 12 pm.

If students want to sell books through us we will be collecting books between 11 am and 2 pm on 18 and 21 November (for Year 11 and 12 students only) and 24 November (all students) in the Consultation Rooms opposite the Hall, Level 2 Kings Way. We will also be collecting books all day on 27 November for all students.

Details of the text books we will be selling and collecting from students and the necessary documentation will be available within the next fortnight. Year 11 and 12 students can collect this at the General Office and the Senior School Office. We will also be making the booklists and forms available through the Newsletter which can be accessed online at any time on;

[http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/news\\_newsletter.htm](http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/news_newsletter.htm).

Collection of uniforms is per the arrangements in the notice which was distributed to all students by Paula Glover. Please contact Paula at school on 9864 7759 for further information about this. Spare copies of the uniform lodgment forms are available at the General Office.

Students please consider selling your books and uniforms through us. This is our major fund raising activity and through this we are able to fund the Small Grant's Scheme, the end of year prizes, the Year 9 BBQ and the many other things we help the school with financially.

## Summary

Activity	Day	Time
Collect Books	18 <sup>th</sup> November - <b>VCE only</b>	11.00 – 2:00
Collect Books	21 <sup>st</sup> November - <b>VCE only</b>	11.00 – 2:00
Collect Books	24 <sup>th</sup> November - <b>all students</b>	11.00 – 2:00
Collect Books	27 <sup>th</sup> November - <b>all students</b>	All day
Sell Books	6 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 – 12:00

Remember the forms can be collected from-

- The General Office
- The Senior School Office

The online newsletter: [http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/news\\_newsletter.htm](http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/news_newsletter.htm)

- Year 9 and 10 students will receive this information in Form Assembly

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS: TERM 4



### Week Six:

Tuesday 11 November—Thursday 13 November

Duke of Edinburgh Camp

Thursday 13 November

Earth & Cosmos Excursion

Middle School Music Soiree 6.30—8.30 pm  
Theatre

New Parents Information Evening—7.30 pm Hall

### Week Seven:

Monday 17 November

2009 VCE Orientation Program Commences

Tuesday 18 November—Thursday 20 November

Duke of Edinburgh Camp

Tuesday 18 November

School Council 6.30 pm  
Parents Association 7.30 pm—Function Room

Wednesday 19 November

Japanese Exchange Departs

Friday 21 November

Year 12 Exams Conclude

### Week Eight:

Tuesday 25 November

**RESEARSAL FOR** Speech Night—Town hall  
commences 8.45 am for all students

**SPEECH NIGHT**—Town Hall  
Commences 7.30 pm

Wednesday 26 November

Report Writing Day  
Students NOT required at school

Thursday 27 November

French Exchange Departs

Friday 28 November

Last day for Year 10 Students

### Week Nine:

Monday 1 December

Year 10 Work Experience Commences  
Year 9 Activity Program Commences

Tuesday 2 December

Orientation Day for 2009 Year 9 Students